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1. COMMENTS ON RHODESIAN DEBATE --

SITHOLE'S SPEECH BEFORE THE FOURTH COMMITTEE WAS MOST

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EFFECTIVE, PARTICULARLY WHEN COMPARED TO EFFORTS OF PATRIOTIC FRONT AND UANC (MUZOREWA) SPOKESMAN. IN HIS SPEECH AND IN HIS REBUTTAL OF PATRIOTIC FRONT CHARGES, HE COUPLED MODERATE RHETORIC WITH EMOTIONAL COMMITMENT TO MAJORITY RULE THAT SHOULD HELP CONVINCE MANY THAT HE IS NOT INVOLVED IN SELLOUT BY AGREEING TO NEGOTIATE WITH SMITH.
UANC ATTACK ON ZAMBIA AND NKOMO IN CHINESE REVOLUTIONARY RHETORIC WAS SOMEWHAT SURPRISING. WE ARE UNSURE WHETHER THIS SIMPLE REFLECTION OF UANC SPOKESMAN RAZEMBA HERE, IF IT REPRESENTS EFFORT TO WIDEN SPLIT BETWEEN MUGABE AND NKOMO, OR IS SIMPLY RESULT OF KAUNDA'S RECENT EFFORTS TO INSTALL NKOMO. CHINESE WERE PLEASED; SOVIETS WERE UNCONFORTABLE. UANC ATTACKS ON SOVIETS AND UK ALSO INTERESTING. INDIA AND GHANA SUPPORT VIEW THAT FORTHCOMING RESOLUTIONS WILL INCLUDE CALL FOR WIDENING OF SANCTIONS AGAINST RHODESIA AND SOUTH AFRICA WITH EMPHASIS ON OIL AND INVESTMENT. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 5207)

2. PALESTINIAN RIGHTS --

JAPANESE INFORMED USDEL THEY WOULD ABSTAIN ON BOTH RESOLUTIONS ON THE QUESTION OF PALESTINE BECAUSE JAPANESE "POLITICAL POSITION TOO WEAK TO VOTE AGAINST ARABS."
ISRELI AMB ELIAV TOLD AMB LEONARD HE WAS VERY PLEASED WITH THE RESULT, FOR THE NUMBER OF NEGATIVE VOTES AND ABSTENTIONS WAS LARGER THAN ISRAELIS HAD ESTIMATED.
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3. PEACEFUL USES OF NUCLEAR ENERGY --

COSPONSORS OF NONALIGNED RESOLUTION ON PEACEFUL USES OF NUCLEAR ENERGY AND WESTERN DELEGATIONS, AFTER ADDITIONAL ROUND OF CONSULTATIONS, AGREED AD REFERENDUM TO ERVISED VERSION. YUGOSLAVS BELIEVE THERE IS GOOD CHANCE TO OBTAIN CONSENSUS ADOPTION, AND ARE DISCUSSING TEXT WITH CHINESE AND INDIANS IN EFFORT TO OBTAIN THEIR PASSIVE ACQUIESCENCE. SOVIETS TOLD USDEL THEY BELIEVE MOSCOW CAN ACCEPT THE REVISED TEXT. THE DUTCH COMPLAINED ABOUT WHAT THEY CHARACTERIZED AS US INDIFFERENCE TO GA RESOLUTINS ON NON-PROLIFERATION, AND USDEL INDICATED IT REGARDED CONSENSUS ADOPTION WITH SUPPORT OF NON-NPT SIGNATORIES AS IMPORTANT OBJECTIVE EVEN THOUGH LANGUAE IS WEAKER THAN THAT IN THE FINNISH NON-PROLIFERATION RESOLUTION. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 5215)

4. AUSTRALIAN DRAFT ON INFLATION AND CURRENCY EXCHANGE --

GOSS (AUSTRALIA) HAS BEEN ADVOCATING GENERAL, ACROSS-

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THE-BOARD CUT IN UN BUDGET, AND HIS DAUNTLESS PURSUIT OF
HIS GOAL HAS LED TO FORMATION OF A SMALL WEO WORKING
GROUP TO EXPLORE THE IDEA IN DEPTH. AS A RESULT OF THESE
CONSULTATIONS IT WAS CONCLUDED THAT OBJECTIVE. HOWEVER
LAUDABLE, WAS NOT PRACTICALLY OBTAINABLE. THE GROUP DID
FEEL SOME REDUCTIONS COULD BE REALIZED AND SELECTED INFLATION
ALLOWANCE AS MOST OPPORTUNE TARGET. GOSS TOOK UP INFLATION
WITH UN CONTROLLER DEBATIN, WHO SAID THE SECRETARIAT
WOULD HAVE TO OPPOSE ANY EFFORT TO IMPOSE GENERAL
REDUCTION IN INFLATION ALLOWANCE. HOWEVER, WHEN DISCUSSION
TURNED TO WAYS OF STRENGTHENING FISCAL CONTROLS WITHIN
THE UN SYSTEM, DEBATIN ACKNOWLEDGED FRUSTRATION IN HIS
ENDEAVORS TO IMPOSE REASONABLE RESTRAINT IN UN EXPENDITURES.
IN LIGHT OF THIS DISCUSSION, GOSS HAS NOW DEVELOPED
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A DRAFT DECISION DESIGNED TO CLOSE PRESENT LOOPHOLE IN
THE UN CONTROLLER'S AUTHORITY OVER INFLATION AND CURRENCY
FLUCTUATION ALLOWANCES IN UN BUDGET. HIS IDEA WAS
WELCOMED AND SEEMS LIKELY TO DEVELOP INTO GENERAL WEO
INITIATIVE. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE -- USUN 5192)

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5. ICSC REPORT --

COMMITTEE 5 AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON ICSC REPORT WRESTLED THROUGHOUT WEEK WITH THE QUESTION OF WHAT THE APPROPRIATE ACTION WOULD BE FOR THE GA TO TAKE ON THE GENEVA G-LEVEL SALARIES QUESTION. CHAIRMAN'S DRAFT RESOLUTION WAS CARRIED INTO FOURTH VERSION AND SERIOUS DIFFERENCES REMAIN, NOTABLY WITH RESPECT TO A) SYG'S INTENTION TO INTRODUCE TRANSITIONAL ALLOWANCES AND B) WISH OF SOME DELEGATIONS TO IMPOSE A FREEZE ON FURTHER G-LEVEL RECRUITMENT TO FILL VACANCIES WHICH MAY OCCUR IN GENEVA. SECRETARIAT OFFICIALS AND (INDIRECTLY AT LEAST) STAFF REPRESENTATIVES HAVE BEEN PUTTING PRESSURE TO INVOLVE COMMITTEE 5 DIRECTLY IN THE RESOLUTION OF THE STAFF-MANAGEMENT DIFFERENCES. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE -- USUN 5224)

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THERE IS NO CONSENSUS IN THE WEO GROUP UPON DEGREE TO WHICH ACABQ SHOULD BE ENLARGED, ALTHOUGH ALL RECOGNIZE ENLARGEMENT IS INEVITABLE. UK AND SWEDEN ARE MAIN ADVOCATES OF ENLARGEMENT BEYOND 18. MOST EXTREME POSITION IS THAT HELD BY UK (STUART), WHO OPENLY ADVOCATES INCREASE TO 21, BUT CONCEDES WILLINGNESS TO RETREAT TO 18. THOSE WHO WOULD PREFER NO ENLARGEMENT AT ALL INCLUDE ITALY, PORTUGAL, AUSTRIA, DENMARK AND US. WITHIN THIS GROUP, ITALY ALNE FAVORS WEO'S ENTERING A CANDIDATE IN AN ENLARGEMENT TO 16 IN EFFORT TO PRESERVE OR ENHANCE WEO POSITION ON COMMITTEE. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE -- USUN 5197)

7. UN CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY --

AMB. WELLS MET WITH AMB. BARCELO OF MEXICO TO EXPLAIN US POSITION CONCERNING SITE OF UN CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. SHE EXPLAINED US OFFER TO HOST CONFERENCE WAS STILL OPEN AND REVIEWED ADVANTAGES OF HAVING CONFERENCE IN US. US HAD NO INTENTION OF GETTING INTO A TUGGING MATCH WITH MEXICO OVER SITE F CONFERENCE, OUR BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP IS FAR MORE IMPORTANT THAN ANY COMPETITION OVER SITE OF CONFERENCE. BARCELO INDICATED THAT QUESTION OF ENDORSEMENT OF MEXICO AS CONFERENCE SITE BY G-77 WOULD BE SETTLED WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS. WELLS AND BARCELO PROMISED TO STAY IN CLOSE CONTACT ON QUESTION OF CONFERENCE SITE. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE -- USUN 5211)

8. UNFICYP MANDATE RENEWAL --

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UNFICYP MANDATE EXPIRES AT MIDNIGHT DEC. 15, 1977.
SC PRESIDENT PLANS TO HOLD SC CONSULTATIONS ON DEC. 13
AND A NORAML MEETING ON DEC. 14. CYPRIOT DEL CONVEYED
THEIR INTENTION TO MAINTAIN THE SC DEBATE AT A LOW KEY
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AND TO SEEK A RESOLUTION SIMILAR TO THAT OF JUNE 15
RENEWAL. TURKISH DEL MADE CLEAR THAT IT WOULD OBJECT
TO ANYTHING OTHER THAN A ROUTINE RENEWAL, AND ALSO
REFERRED TO A POSSIBLE SKELETAL, PROCEDURAL RESOLUTION
RENEWING THE MANDATE. SYG'S REPORT ON UNFICYP FOR THE
PERIOD OF JUNE 8, 1977 HAS BEEN CIRCULATED. (CONFIDENTIAL --
USUN 5195)

9. TAKING OF HOSTAGES --

SOVIET PERFORMANCE IN FIRST SESSION AD HOC COMMITTEE
ON TAKING OF HOSTAGES HAD BEEN PARTICULARLY UNEHLPFUL.
FRG INFORMED US IT WENT TO MOSCOW AFTER SESSION TO
SEEK MORE COOPERATIVE SOVIET ATTITUDE, AND SOVIETS ASSURED
FRG THAT THEY WOULD NOT MAKE TROUBLE ON ISSUE IN SIXTH
COMMITTEE. FRG "DISAPPOINTED BUT NOT SURPRISED" BY SOVIET
STATEMENT IN THE COMMITTEE. STAEMENT BY POLAND WAS MUCH MORE
POSITIVE THAN SOVIETS. ALTHOUGH POLAND CALLED ATTENTION
TO PROBLEM OF NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, POLAND CLEARLY
INDICATED ITS SUPPORT FOR FRG DRAFT RESOLUTION. POLAND
TOLD FRG IT WOULD GO "AS FAR AS IT COULD" IN SUPPORT FRG
ITEM. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 5193)

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10. UN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS --

AT THE INSTIGATION OF FINNISH DELEGATION, THIRD COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN MAIR PRESIDED OVER A MEETING OF THE COSPONSORS OF L.17 AND L.25 (THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS PROPOSALS), TO DISCUSS WHETHER THERE WAS A WAY TO AVOID A PROCEDURAL FIGHT THAT WOULD BE PROVOKED BY AN ATTEMPT TO KEEP L.25 FROM COMING TO A VOTE. IT WAS OBVIOUS FROM THE DEBATE THAT THE L.17 SPONSORS ARE UNSURE THEY CAN WIN THE PROCEDURAL VOTE TO DELAY THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FPROPOSAL FOR A YEAR. HIGH COMMISSIONER PROPOSAL HAS SOMEWHAT SPLIT THE NON-ALIGNEDS, WITH SOME ARDENT SUPPORTERS NOW ENLISTED BEHIND L.25, AS WELL AS THE WESTERN BLOC. IT WAS THE CONSENSUS TO LOBBY INTENSIVELY TO DEFEAT THE ANTICIPATED PROCEDURAL MOVE (PROBABLY BY CUBA) CLAIMING THAT L.25 SHOULD BE STUDIED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF L.17. IT WAS ALSO FIRM CONSENSUS TO TRY HARD TO WIN THIS YEAR. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 5203)
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11. SANCTIONS COMMITTEE --

USUN HAS RECEIVED OFFICIAL REQUEST BY SYG FOR US INVESTIGATION OF TWO NEW CASES OF POSSIBLE SANCTIONS VIOLATIONS. FIRST DEALS WITH PARTICIPATION BY US TEAM IN A PISTOL-SHOOTING MATCH IN RHODESIA IN AUGUST, 1977. SECOND REQUESTS FOLLOW-UP INFORMATION REGARDING EXPENDITURES MADE BY US CITIZENS TRAVELLING IN RHODESIA. THIRD NOT YET SUBJECT OF SYG NOTE, BUT NOTE IS EXPECTED SHORTLY, CONCERNS MILITARY USE BY SMITH REGIME OF U.S. DESIGNED CESSNA 337 AIRCRAFT.

ON OTHER MATTERS. SANCTIONS COMMITTEE APPROVED SOME CHAPTERS OF ITS REPORT. FRANCE IN REPLY TO SYG NOTE IN REGARD TO CONTRACTS WITH SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT FOR PATROL BOATS AND RELATED NAVAL MATERIAL, NOTED THAT ALL DELIVERIES OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO SOUTH AFRICA HAVE BEEN PROHIBITED SINCE ADOPTION OF SC RESOLUTION 418. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 5198, 5199, 5200)

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12. ANTI-APARTHEID --

A REVISED VERSION OF RESOLUTION ON "TRADE UNION ACTION AGAINST APARTHEID" WAS CIRCULATED BY UN SECRETARIAT (A/32/L.22/ REV.1). VERSION DIFFERS FROM ORIGINAL IN THE INCLUSION OF AN ADDITIONAL OP PARA: "INVITES THE TRADE UNION ORGANIZATIONS TO CONTINUE AND INTENSIFY THEIR ACTIVE SUPPORT FOR THE STRUGGLE OF THE NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENT FOR THE ERADICATION OF APARTHEID". THIS IS MODIFIED VERSION OF GDR AMENDMENT WHICH INCLUDED A REFERENCE TO THE ERADICATION OF COLONIALISM. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 5205)
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